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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of
Virginia Freedman and Zebunnissa Ramtoola
U.S. Application No. 08/722,045
Filed October 4, 1996
Confirmation No. 3646

Examiner: James Spear
Art Unit: 1615

Effervescent Pharmaceutical Formulations
Containing Controlled Release Biodegradable Microcapsules

(Atty. Docket No. P26,487-A USA)

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Sir:

This Transmittal Letter and accompanying documents are being submitted following the issuance of an Examiner's Final Action dated April 9, 2003.

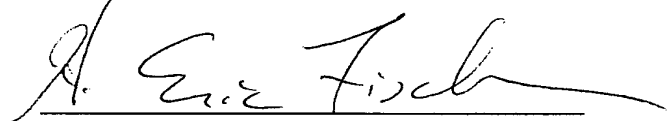
Enclosed herewith for the above-referenced application are the following:

Applicants: Virginia Freedman and Zebunnissa Ramtoola
Application No. 08/722,045

- (A) an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 which satisfies the requirements of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
- (B) a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a), including a request for suspension of action for three months and a Petition for a three-month extension of time from July 9, 2003 to October 9, 2003; and
- (C) a check in the amount of \$1850 to cover associated charges which includes \$950 for the extension of reply period, \$770 for requesting an RCE and \$130 for requesting a three month suspension of action.

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Respectfully submitted,



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